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**IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND
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UTILITY PATENT

Applicants: Continelli et al.

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Dear Commissioner:

Applicants hereby timely reply to the Final Office Action dated September 13, 2004. Please amend the above-identified application as follows and consider the Amendments and Remarks beginning on the following page. In addition, Applicants are filing a Request for Continued Examination (RCE) under 37 C.F.R. §1.114. This response is to be considered the required submission under 37 C.F.R. §1.114.